

REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicants have amended claim 2 to be in independent form by including therein all of the limitations previously recited in claim 1, from which claim 2 previously depended. Claims 1, 13 and 21 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants have amended the dependency of claims 3, 6, 9, 10 and 12 to depend from claim 2.

Entry of this amendment under 35 CFR 1.312 is requested. It is submitted the foregoing amendments are needed to further define Applicants' invention. Since the foregoing amendments merely rewrite claim 2 in independent form, cancel claims and change the dependency of claims, the foregoing amendments do not require any additional search and examination. No more than a cursory review of the record is necessary. The amended claims are patentable for the same reasons the claims previously in the application are patentable. The foregoing amendments were not presented earlier since the need for such amendments has only recently come to Applicants' attention. For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted entry of this amendment under 37 CFR 1.312 is proper.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli,

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